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TRIBUTE TO DALE AND JANICE
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HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dale and Janice Ward of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They married in 1965.

Dale and Janice's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Jill and Lisa, along with their grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

THE PASSING OF WORLD WAR II
VETERAN AND PEARL HARBOR
SURVIVOR EDWARD F. BORUCKI

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to speak about the passing of one of western Massachusetts' heroes, World War II veteran and survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, Edward F. Borucki.

Edward was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts to Polish immigrants and worked as a machinist apprentice until he decided to enlist in the Navy in 1940. After going through training in Newport, Rhode Island, he was shipped to the Pacific and assigned to the light cruiser, the USS *Helena*. He moved through the ranks to Yeoman Third Class aboard the vessel and worked in the forward engine room. On the morning of December 7, 1941, Edward was running to his station when the first torpedo hit the forward engine room and knocked him into a bulkhead. He was only thirty seconds from being in the section that was destroyed. He helped seal the section of the ship off and help in anyway he could. After the attack was over, Edward helped carry his wounded and dead shipmates up out of the section and to the hospital.

After the USS *Helena* was transferred back to California for repairs, Edward was transferred to the USS *Rockaway* and then preceded to attend various training schools. In 1944, Edward married his late wife, Viola Mul of Southampton. A year later, he left the Navy with the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Edward was able to take advantage of the GI Bill to get a business degree at American International College in Springfield, MA and a Masters degree at Boston University. Starting in 1955, Edward taught at Chicopee High School and later Chicopee Comprehensive High School until he retired.

Edward never forgot about his experiences in the war and the need to show appreciation

to veterans. He was a fixture at a multitude of events honoring veterans around western Massachusetts. He worked for ten years as a veteran's agent in Southampton, helping veterans work through what services are available to them. In the early 2000s, Edward led an effort to get a bridge on Route 5 over the Manhan River dedicated to all those who lost their lives and the survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack. He commented during the campaign to express why the bridge should be named for the Pearl Harbor veterans, "War is hell. We who were in it never want to see another again." Lawmakers in Massachusetts gladly listened to his request and in 2005, the Pearl Harbor Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Mr. Speaker, Edward Borucki was a fine example of the men and women that put their lives on the line for our freedom against the threat of tyranny during the Second World War and who served their community selflessly afterward. I would like to extend my condolences to his family, including his seven sons, and let them know that the thoughts of a grateful nation are with them.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
MAJOR STEWART, U.S. AIR
FORCE, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Colonel Major Stewart, U.S. Air Force, Retired. It is my great honor to highlight the life of this humble American.

Lt. Col. Stewart enlisted in the Army Air Corp in August of 1941 and served throughout the duration of World War II. Millions of Americans answered the call and sacrificed when our Allies were in trouble; Lt. Col. Stewart was no exception. As a bomber pilot, he completed 70 missions while serving in the Pacific Fleet; 39 of these in the legendary B-25 Mitchell Bomber. Lt. Col. Stewart later transitioned to the B-24; it was in this aircraft that Colonel Stewart would lead a decisive mission to attack a key enemy oil refinery.

The strategic oil-refinery at Balikpapan, Borneo produced over thirty percent of Japan's wartime fuel supply and was heavily defended by enemy fighters and anti-aircraft weapons. On October 14, 1944, Lt. Col. Stewart led a formation of dangerously overloaded B-24 bombers on a daylight bombing run in what was one of the longest flights ever undertaken in the Southwest Pacific. Dedication to mission enabled him to stay the course and place bombs on target despite the damage his plane experienced on approach from enemy fire. For his heroism and extraordinary achievement, Lt. Col. Stewart was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, one of the highest honors the military bestows.

I know Lt. Col. Stewart wouldn't boast of his service during WWII, a trying time for our Nation, yet it is his type of heroic actions that led to the defeat of the Axis allies and the evil they spread. Lt. Col. Stewart's achievements didn't stop there. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Campaign Ribbon with four Bronze Stars for the New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Northern Solomon, and Mandated Islands Campaigns.

Upon return to reserve duty in November of 1945, Lt. Col. Stewart maintained airplanes at Tinker Air Force Base. Yearning to give greater service to his community, he attended school and became a math teacher. After retiring from both the U.S. Air Force Reserves and a teaching career in California, he made his way to Texas. Today Lt. Col. Stewart and his wife live in Cedar Park where he was recently presented a key to the City by Cedar Park Mayor and City Council at the WWII Veteran's Recognition Ceremony. We are honored to have such a humble hero in our midst.

These few meager words cannot fully express the gratitude I share for Lt. Col. Stewart and the brave service he has given. I join his family, friends, and loved ones in deep appreciation for his service to the Nation. May we all follow the example of bravery, heroism, and humility he displays everyday as part of the greatest generation that ever lived.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,669,947,434.69. We've added \$7,525,792,989,521.61 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG AND LINDA
WOLTMANN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Craig and Linda Woltmann of Walnut, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 12, 1965, at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut.

Craig and Linda's lifelong commitment to each other, their daughter, Wendy, and their grandchildren, truly embodies our Iowa values. I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING DR. ROBERT R.
HOLMES

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Robert R. Holmes for his

outstanding achievements in the field of engineering. Dr. Holmes was honored in New York on October 13th with the 2015 Government Civil Engineer of the Year award. This award recognizes distinguished civil engineers employed in public service for significant engineering contributions.

Dr. Holmes earned a Bachelor of Science in 1987 and Master of Science in 1989 at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in civil engineering. Dr. Holmes continued his education earning a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Illinois and began his teaching career soon after. He has taught as an assistant adjunct professor at the University of Illinois since 2006 and adjunct professor at Missouri S&T since 2008.

For over 28 years, Dr. Holmes has worked as a hydrologist and leading member of the United States Geological Survey. He currently serves as a national flood hazard specialist and the senior adviser on flood science and response for the United States Geological Survey. His United States Geological Survey colleagues have given high praise for his contributions to water resources engineering and flood hazards management during his time there.

Dr. Robert R. Holmes is a model of excellence in his field and it is my pleasure to recognize him before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF NEW MEXICAN ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED AS "BRIGHT SPOTS" BY THE WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR HISPANICS

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize three New Mexican organizations that have gone above and beyond in serving Hispanic students in my home state of New Mexico. Their outstanding work earned them recognition by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics as "Bright Spots." Bright Spots are described as organizations or programs that help to close the achievement gap.

A total of six organizations in New Mexico have been recognized by the White House and three of those organizations are located in New Mexico's third congressional district. The Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation (LANLF) encourages Hispanic academic excellence through the support of educational programs. LANLF created programs to support early childhood learning, STEM elementary education, as well as college/workforce development. The second organization in our district is New Mexico Highlands University's Achieving in Research Math and Science (ARMAS). ARMAS has increased the number of Hispanic students earning a Bachelor's of Science degree in a STEM field at the university level. The third organization to receive recognition within our district is (Santa Fe YouthWorks! This is a program dedicated to targeting at-risk youth in order to ensure that they have the educational, leadership and life skills to succeed and get ahead.

These programs help raise awareness about Hispanic education and the need to address the achievement gap while serving as models of best practices for successfully engaging our diverse population. Together, these programs have helped countless Hispanics achieve academic and social success. These organizations have had a tremendous effect within their particular communities and on New Mexico as a state, by increasing the number of Hispanic students who attain educational degrees. I applaud these outstanding organizations for contributing to Hispanic academic success in New Mexico.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ROBERT SHOEMAKER OF THE U.S. ARMY

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of General Robert Shoemaker of the U.S. Army. For more than 36 years Gen. Shoemaker served his country in many of our most trying times and has honored both his nation and the Army through his long and distinguished military service.

Robert Shoemaker hails from Almont, Michigan. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from West Point in 1946. Early troop assignments included Platoon Leader and Company Commander in Germany from which he went on to serve in Korea. General Shoemaker also served numerous tours in Vietnam and excelled through several echelons of Command.

His hard work did not go unrecognized. General Shoemaker rose to the highest levels of the military and was promoted to four star general and led the U.S. Army Forces (FORSCOM). This command consists of more than 750,000 soldiers, nearly 90 percent of the Army's combat power, and provides expeditionary, campaign-capable land forces to combatant commanders. Under his steady leadership, FORSCOM held fast and true to its motto as "Freedom's Guardian."

Life after retirement for Gen. Shoemaker continues to be one of humble service that feeds his passion to help his fellow man. Gen. Shoemaker has served eight years as the County Commissioner for Bell County, three years as the Heart O' Texas council for the Boy Scouts, and served on the Board of United Way for Texas. Today, Gen. Shoemaker's days are filled with regular attendance at extra-curricular activities in the Killeen-Fort Hood area.

When I reflect on the life and service of Gen. Shoemaker, I am reminded of an oft quoted passage by J. M. Barrie, "the life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story, and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it." I have little doubt Gen. Shoemaker will find any discrepancies when he compares his diaries.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT CARL DEAN CARR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carl Dean Carr of Boy Scout Troop 40 in Des Moines, Iowa, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest advancement rank in scouting. Only about five percent of Boy Scouts earn the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. The award is a performance-based achievement with high standards that have been well-maintained for more than a century.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Project to benefit the community. For his project, Carl worked with the FOCUS program at Hoyt Middle School in Des Moines. FOCUS is a collaborative program between Des Moines Public Schools and Broadlawn Medical Center. They provide academic and counseling services for at-risk students between 3rd and 8th grade. Carl led a group of students that created signs with self-talk statements for a coping area in the school. Students are able to utilize this area when they are having a tough day so they can compose themselves and rejoin the classroom. The work ethic Carl has shown in his Eagle Project and every other project leading up to his Eagle Scout rank speaks volumes of his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and assisting his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent Carl and his family in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout, and I wish him nothing but continued success in his future education and career.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF KEVIN MASON

HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, Representative BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico and I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Kevin Anderson Mason, who passed away October 1, 2015 at age 44.

Mr. Mason—a native of Altavista, Virginia who resided with his family in Clovis, New Mexico—was working in Afghanistan as a civilian contractor. On the evening of October 1, 2015, shortly after taking off from the Jalalabad Airfield in Afghanistan, a terrible tragedy occurred when a C-130J crashed, killing six United States airmen and five civilian contractors, including Mr. Mason.

Mr. Mason was a 1990 graduate of Altavista High School and honorably served in the